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Bay, DH city races have begun

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The races are official-ly on in Bay St. Louis and Diamondhead — the qualification process for municipal elections ended this past Friday, and multiple candidates are now vying for mayoral and council seats in both cities.

In the Bay St. Louis races, only Jordan Brad-ford III, running for in-cumbent Councilman Doug Seal’s Ward 1 seat; and Phalba C. Holmes, running for Councilman Jeffrey Reed’s Ward 3 seat, will be unopposed. Those qualifying in Bay St. Louis include:

- Mayor: Mike Favre (R), Gary Knoblock (R)
- and Henry “H.W.” Ward (D)
- Council At Large: Tad Black (R); Lonnie J. Falgout (R), Greg Loftin (R), and Larry Smith (R)
- Ward 1: Jordan Brad-ford III (R)
- Ward 2: Eugene “Gene” Hoffman IV (R) and Nancy Moynan (D)
- Ward 3: Phalba C. Holmes (D)
- Ward 4: Kyle Lewis (R) and Jimmy Osbourn (R)
- Ward 5: Linda Kay Davis (R) and Kathleen Hughes (R)
- Ward 6: Josh DeSalvo (R) and Tami Curtis Guy (R)

In Diamondhead, in-cumbent Mayor Nancy Depreo announced on social media on Jan. 13

that she will not be run-ning for reelection. “I want to thank each one of you for allowing me to serve you over the past nine years,” Depreo said in the post. Those qualifying in

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CRASH ON HWY. 90

PHOTO BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
Bay St. Louis police and firefighters were on the scene of a traffic accident at a little after 2 p.m. Thursday in the westbound lane of Hwy. 90, just east of the Washington Street intersection. Fortunately, Bay St. Louis Police Chief Alvin Kingston, there were only minor injuries. The accident occurred when black Kia Sorento being driven by Michael Martin of Bay St. Louis flipped onto its roof in the median after colliding with a white Ford F150 pick-up truck being driven by Stephen Majorie of Diamondhead. Traffic was slowed for at least half an hour while the scene was cleared.

Appeal for man found guilty in shooting

Now gets to use ‘stand your ground’ defense

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

A man convicted of manslaughter in a 2021 shooting death in Bay St. Louis has won his appeal and will get a new trial. Pass Christian-res-ident Joseph Elonzo Haynes, 35, was found guilty in 2023 in the death of Gulfport-res-ident Jermain “Red” Watts, 23. Haynes shot Watts in the early morn-ing hours of May 9, 2021, outside what was then known as the Third

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Free Parking: Bay garage reopens after months of renovations

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The city of Bay St. Louis last week of- ficially reopened the free parking garage at 124 Court Street in Old Town. “The parking garage is back open for business,” Mayor Mike Favre said this week. “It’s a close location in the vicinity

of everything downtown and its very walk- able. ... We have twice as much free park- ing in downtown Bay St. Louis now than we had before Katrina.” The city closed the garage and the Long-fellow Civic Center on the top floor back in July to begin making necessary renova- tions. “The interior and exterior of the building

was painted,” City Clerk Michael Reso said. “The metal was all sandblasted and painted, and the balcony railing was replaced. ... We still plan to install an exterior sign on Court Street to identify the community center and

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Today

64°

Low Temperature 61°F
Foggy
Humidity 97%

High Tide
07:00 pm @ 1.67 ft

Low Tide
05:53 am @ -0.66 ft

Feb. 7

71°

Low Temperature 61°F
85% Chance of Rain
Humidity 91%

High Tide
07:59 pm @ 1.74 ft

Low Tide
06:43 am @ -0.75 ft

Feb. 8

70°

Low Temperature 62°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 90%

High Tide
08:58 pm @ 1.74 ft

Low Tide
07:35 am @ -0.79 ft

Feb. 9

72°

Low Temperature 62°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 83%

High Tide
09:52 pm @ 1.71 ft

Low Tide
08:26 am @ -0.72 ft

Feb. 10

69°

Low Temperature 58°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 92%

High Tide
10:42 pm @ 1.61 ft

Low Tide
09:15 am @ -0.62 ft

Feb. 11

71°

Low Temperature 63°F
84% Chance of Rain
Humidity 91%

High Tide
11:26 pm @ 1.48 ft

Low Tide
09:59 am @ -0.46 ft

Feb. 12

51°

Low Temperature 43°F
86% Chance of Rain
Humidity 82%

High Tide
10:38 am @ -0.3 ft

Low Tide

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free public parking. We also want to replace the interior flooring.”

The total cost of work was \$951,000. the contractor was David Rush Construction. The ar-

chitect was MP Design Group.

"Thanks to our legislators for getting the grants for us to make the improvements," Favre said.

Many residents and visitors have complained over the past several months because so many places that used to offer

free parking now require
a fee.

Favre said that many of the property owners "had lawsuits filed against them, with people falling, people tripping, so they had to start charging. ... But there's plenty of free parking in town now."



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
The Bay parking garage is now open after renovations.

Cities participating in March of the Mayors food drive

ECHO STAFF

The cities of Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and Diamondhead are participating in the annual March of the Mayors food drive to benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry and King's Kitchen.

The city of Bay St. Louis is collecting one pound bags of beans and can be dropped at City Hall, 688 Hwy. 90 and Chiniche Engineering, 407 Hwy. 90.

The city of Waveland is collecting one pound bags of rice and can be dropped off at City Hall, 301 Coleman

Ave. and the Waveland Fire Station on Hwy. 90.

The city of Diamondhead is collecting canned soup. Drop off locations include, East Hancock Library, 4545 Shepherd Square; The Club at Diamondhead, 7600 Country Club Drive; Diamondhead Fire District, 4440 Kalani Drive; Rouses, 4407 East Aloha Drive; and Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle.

Donations will be accepted through February 27.

LA Harvest owners plan lawsuit against HCSO

ECHO STAFF

The owners of Slidell-based LA Harvest, which formerly offered a variety of legal CBD and hemp products at stores in Bay St. Louis and Waveland, say they are filing notice that they intend to sue the Hancock County Sheriff's Office.

In March 2023, sheriff's deputies served search warrants at the both the Bay and Waveland LA Harvest locations.

“The company is selling marijuana-based products here and selling hemp-only products,” Casey Favre, director of the Hancock Sheriff’s Office Narcotics Division, said at the time, but officers were checking out reports the business was “essentially selling

marijuana” without a legal medical dispensary license.

"There are dispensaries that have gone through the process to get a legal dispensary license and followed the protocols ...," Favre said, "but these aren't those."

Both store owner Karen McClain and store employee Darrell Perkins, both of Slidell, were initially charged with the sale/distribution of a controlled substance. However, McClain said, "a grand jury rejected the felonies so the HCSO tried charging us with misdemeanors. The prosecuting attorney dismissed these charges. ...

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• APPEAL

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Base Lounge on Hwy.
90 in Bay St. Louis.

Police said at the time that Watts suffered multiple gunshot wounds, and was declared dead at the scene.

Just a few hours later, a warrant was issued for Haynes, and Bay police arrested him the same day.

“Eyewitnesses testified (at the trial) that the victim had been involved in an argument with other patrons regarding a vehicle,” District Attorney W. Crosby Parker said. “During the argument, witnesses testified that (Haynes) walked up to Jermaine Watts and fired multiple gunshots into his body.”

"The testimony revealed that the victim

was unarmed at the time of the shooting,” said ADA Chris Daniel, who tried the case with ADA Jeremy Necaise. “During cross examination, the defendant admitted to shooting Jermaine Watts with his 9 mm handgun during the argument, but alleged he only fired in self-defense.”

Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Staci Turner testified that Watts had four separate gunshot wounds, Daniel said, and "Lead Det. Dustin Weir testified and explained video evidence from the parking lot near the lounge that showed dozens of patrons who were present at the time of the shooting, but only a few remained on scene to provide assistance after the shooting occurred."

"Judge Christopher Schmidt presided over the three-day trial," Parker said. "The jury

deliberated an hour before returning their verdict."

However, Haynes appealed the conviction, arguing that the evidence was insufficient to support his conviction; that the jury's verdict was against the overwhelming weight of the evidence; that the trial court erred when it did not issue a warrant for a defense witness who failed to appear at trial; and that the trial court "abused its discretion" by refusing to give a "stand-your-ground" jury instruction.

The Mississippi Court of Appeals issued a decision on Jan. 28 the trial court "committed a reversible error by denying a stand-your-ground instruction," and that Haynes would be eligible for a new trial.

A new trial date has not yet been set.



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This Saturday, Old Town Bay Merchants are celebrating love, which also includes a chance to win a two-day getaway to the Bay. Take the “Passport to Love” into participating business to collect stamps. Complete the passport and be entered to win the \$600 prize package with lodging for two, meals, a golf cart, flowers, and wine. For more information, visit the Old Town Merchants Association tent at the corner of Main and Second Street. The fine dining establishments highlighted this month offer delicious local cuisine and unique dining experiences.

200 North Beach

200 N. Beach Blvd.

200 North Beach is in the historic 1903 Echo Building that once housed the Sea Coast Echo Newspaper. Lovingly restored after Hurricane Katrina, the warmth of the interior architectural features like original beaded boards and rustic beams mirror

Murky Waters BBQ

126 Main Street

Located in the heart of Old Town, Murky BSL is a hidden gem tucked away between Main Street and Court Street. Tasty BBQ, creative starters, and an extensive kid menu make this little spot a must stop for delicious BBQ that feeds

ter offers an upscale atmosphere complimented by an equally sophisticated menu that celebrates bold, strong, and nuanced flavors from around the world. You will find creative seafood dishes, raw bar specialties, modern takes on classic dishes, and a vibrant drink menu. Enjoy the fresh coastal fare offered indoors or outside on the patio along Beach Boulevard. Do not



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Murky Waters is your spot for tasty BBQ, creative starters, and an extensive kid menu.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The 200 North Beach menu highlights our local comfort foods with the freshest of seafood on the Gulf Coast.

the comfort food centered menu highlighting seafood, pasta, and steak. The mushroom risotto side dish and the homemade chips that accompany sandwiches on the lunch menu keep regulars coming back time after time. The delicious menu is complemented by a full bar with a nice variety of wine selections.

Open - Sun. - Thurs. 11am - 9pm
Fri. - Sat. 11am - 9:30 pm

the soul. There is a full bar and live music most weekends. Murky is the place for the BBQ and blues you did not even know you were craving.

Open - Sun. - Tues. 11am - 9pm
Wed. - Sat. 11am - 10pm

Thorny Oyster

401 N. Beach Blvd.

Located inside of the beautifully-designed Pearl Hotel, Thorny Oys-

miss the Sunday brunch if you are looking for an elegant way to wrap up a relaxing weekend in the Bay.

Open - Sun. 10am - 2pm
Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 11am - 10 pm
Wed. 11am - 9pm
Closed Mon.

Sycamore House

210 Main Street

In the second block of Main Street, you will



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Thorny Oyster offers a sophisticated menu that celebrates bold, strong, and nuanced flavors from around the world.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Sycamore House offers beautifully plated dishes crafted with local fresh ingredients.

find a traditional Southern Mississippi home with an inviting front porch surrounded by oak trees. Since 2002, the award-winning chefs and husband- wife team of Stella LeGardeur and Michael Eastham have welcomed guests to their home and restaurant. The Sycamore House offers beautifully plated dishes crafted with fresh ingredients boasting flavors that reflect the couple’s extensive experience in the culinary world. The minute you enter the home, you get the feeling you are a personal guest of the hosts. You can expect inspired flavors, impeccable service, and a satisfying evening all the way around. A local favorite, The Sycamore House aims to please.

Open - Wed. - Sat. 5pm - 8pm

Closed Sun. - Tues.

Trapani’s

116 North Beach

Trapani’s is a Bay St. Louis staple. For decades, locals and visitors alike have been making this seafood restaurant and bar a must stop in Old Town. The menu features recipes from the owner’s Italian roots that have been perfected over generations. Sit outside facing the Mississippi Sound and enjoy the beautiful views and warm breezes.

Upstairs, the Blue Marlin Bar offers all your tried and true classics in addition to creative specialty cocktails for every palate. Appetizers will hit the spot when you just need a light bite and enjoy the balcony where you will often find local talent providing some laid back tunes.

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Cuz’s Old Town Bar and Grill

108 S. Beach Blvd.

Family owned and operated since 2004, Cuz’s is proud to serve some of the freshest Gulf seafood around. They are known for boiled options as well as the traditional Southern fried seafood so many enjoy. The casual atmosphere at Cuz’s makes any meal a relaxing experience for the whole family. Dine inside or out under the oaks on the large patio. Slow down, enjoy a local brew, tune into the big game, or just watch the world go by.

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JROTC performs community service



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Bay High/Pass High’s MS-934 Air Force JROTC on Saturday executed a community service project in downtown Bay St. Louis. Cadets worked for several hours on Saturday to collect trash around the sea wall, harbor and railroad bridge, as well as other areas around the city.

Coffee Culture donates to animal shelter



Photo submitted
Coffee Culture recently hosted a “Fraps for Fur Babies initiative,” donating a portion of proceeds from all frappes sold at both their Diamondhead and Bay St. Louis locations in January, raising \$4,000 for the Hancock County Animal Shelter. Coffee Culture also teamed up with Tractor Supply to secure a sizable donation of dog food to the shelter

Garden of the Month



Photo submitted
The Bay-Waveland Garden Club Yard of the Month is the Elmer residence, 411 Tide Street, Waveland.

• LAWSUIT

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We started this company with the knowledge that law enforcement could be uneducated with our products. We crossed the T’s and dotted the I’s to avoid being put in the position we inevitably would hold.”

“The sheriffs office would not and did not give us any opportunity to provide them with anything to prove our innocence, they just wanted us gone and to try to damage our reputation.”

McClain said their attorney’s request for discovery in the case went

unanswered.

She also said law enforcement officials never sent off the products seized from the stores to be tested, “yet clearly stated to the news channels that we were guilty.”

“We are out of hundreds of thousands of dollars and closed our stores after being harassed by HCSO,” McClain said. “After we re-opened our Waveland location, they even went to the extreme of doing their K-9 training in our parking lot to run off customers and scare us. Multiple other businesses owners in the strip mall complained to the landlord about their presence in the parking

lot hurting their business, as well. Our Bay St. Louis store was broken into immediately after the raids and our company vehicles had the windows busted out of them.”



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Diamondhead include:

- Mayor: Heidi Boyanton (R) and Anna DeMarco Liese (R)
- At-Large: Gerard Maher (R) and Joel Salisbury (R)
- Ward 1: Cle Collins (R), Michael J. Fandal (R) and Shane Finley (R)
- Ward 2: Michael Meister (R) and Richard “Ricky” Sheppard (R)
- Ward 3: : Jessie Harwood (R) and Leo Marino (R)
- Ward 4: Kim Buckman (R) and Austin Clark (R)

The primary elections will be held April 1, and the general elections are scheduled for June 3.

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Opinion

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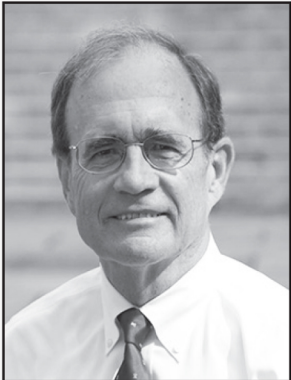
Addressing Mississippi’s Agriculture Crisis: A Call to Action for Our State

As a state whose roots run deep in the soil, Mississippi’s agriculture isn’t just an industry here - it is the foundation of our state’s economy, producing over \$7 billion annually and accounting for 18.6% of our state’s economy. Our farmers are facing challenges which threaten their livelihoods, revenue and our economy. As a state, we can’t afford to turn a blind eye to this crisis. This Fall, I was informed by many agricultural lenders that they did not intend to furnish funds for some of our farmers to plant crops.

Last week, the Mississippi Senate Agriculture Committee came together to dig into the issues hearing from experts at Mississippi State University, Pinion Global, Delta Council, and the Mississippi Farm Bureau. They brought data, real-life stories, and perspectives that made one thing abundantly clear: our farmers are in trouble, and the ripple effects are being felt across the entire state.

The numbers are alarming. It is estimated \$550 million in statewide losses. The broader economic impact is estimated at \$3.5 billion in lost spending. These challenges stem from a combination of high inflation, soaring input costs, and low output prices, exacerbated by international competition. Essential inputs like seed, fertilizer, and fuel have become so costly that many farmers are operating at a loss. This ongoing struggle, which has persisted for several years, is now compounded by banks’ increasing reluctance to issue loans.

These financial hits don’t just affect farmers, they impact each of us, especially the Delta where agriculture is so crucial. When our farmers struggle, our entire state feels it. We are in competition with an international market. Other countries are clearing



GUEST COLUMN
BY LT. GOVERNOR
DELBERT HOSEMANN

Hancock History: Lewis and Clark

After the Thirteen Colonies won the American Revolution in 1783, it did not take long before “Americans” on the Atlantic seacoast began to look westward. A whole continent was “empty” and unsettled except for nomadic Indians. Poor emigrants from Europe dreamed of owning land and accumulating wealth in what was called the “West.” The Mississippi Gulf Coast was a sparsely settled colony with little commerce passed in ownership from France to England to Spain over the Eighteenth Century. A concept of “Manifest Destiny” evolved over the Nineteenth Century that believed the United States would one day extend from sea to shining sea.

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana Territory from Napoleon for \$15 M. The United States now extended to western Montana and added 825,000 square miles of fertile land for three cents an acre in what would be called in the Twentieth Century the “Breadbasket of the World.”

Jefferson sent William C. C. Claiborne to govern New Orleans and the Louisiana Territory. Jefferson also sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore this newly acquired land by traveling up the Missouri River to its origin in Montana. Furthermore,

the mission was to find and map a “Northwest Passage” to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. Jefferson knew that in the future the rivers were going to be the maritime routes or pathways of supply chain for a rich country that would certainly pass through the port of New Orleans. Yet, another waterway or trail to the Pacific Northwest was also attractive possibility to accomplish “Manifest Destiny.”

The Lewis and Clark Expedition passed down the Ohio River in 1804 to St. Louis. In the summer and fall of 1804 this “Corps of Discovery” paddled and pulled their boats up-river and set-up winter quarters at a trading post in North Dakota called Fort Mandan. In the Spring of 1805 Lewis and Clark traveled further up the Missouri River to Three Forks, Montana. At this point it was necessary to travel overland by horseback or foot across the Bitterroot Mountains in Idaho. With the assistance of the Shoshone Tribe the expedition was lead down the trail to the other side of the mountain range and the headwaters of the Columbia River. That winter they made camp at the mouth of the Columbia River on the Pacific Ocean.

Both Lewis and Clark were intelligent frontiersman. Lewis solicited Clark because of his abilities as a draftsman.

Lewis kept a meticulous journal and Clark drew detailed maps, noting and naming rivers and creeks. Later, explorers used his maps to good advantage. The log of Lewis was published in Washington after the trip. The return trip from Oregon to St. Louis took only six months and ended in September 1806.

Jefferson envisioned a practical travel route across the continent that would avoid the Great American Desert. In addition, other nations such as Great Britain, Russia, and Spain did not honor the Louisiana Purchase, so it was necessary for Americans to settle the Pacific Northwest to strengthen their claim of these contested lands. Lewis was charged with documenting and discovering the scientific, biodiversity, and topography of the West. Finally, the venture was charged with establishing relations with the various Indian tribes. They did trade with a few tribes with what few goods they could carry such as medals, mirrors, ribbons, needles, whiskey, and tobacco.

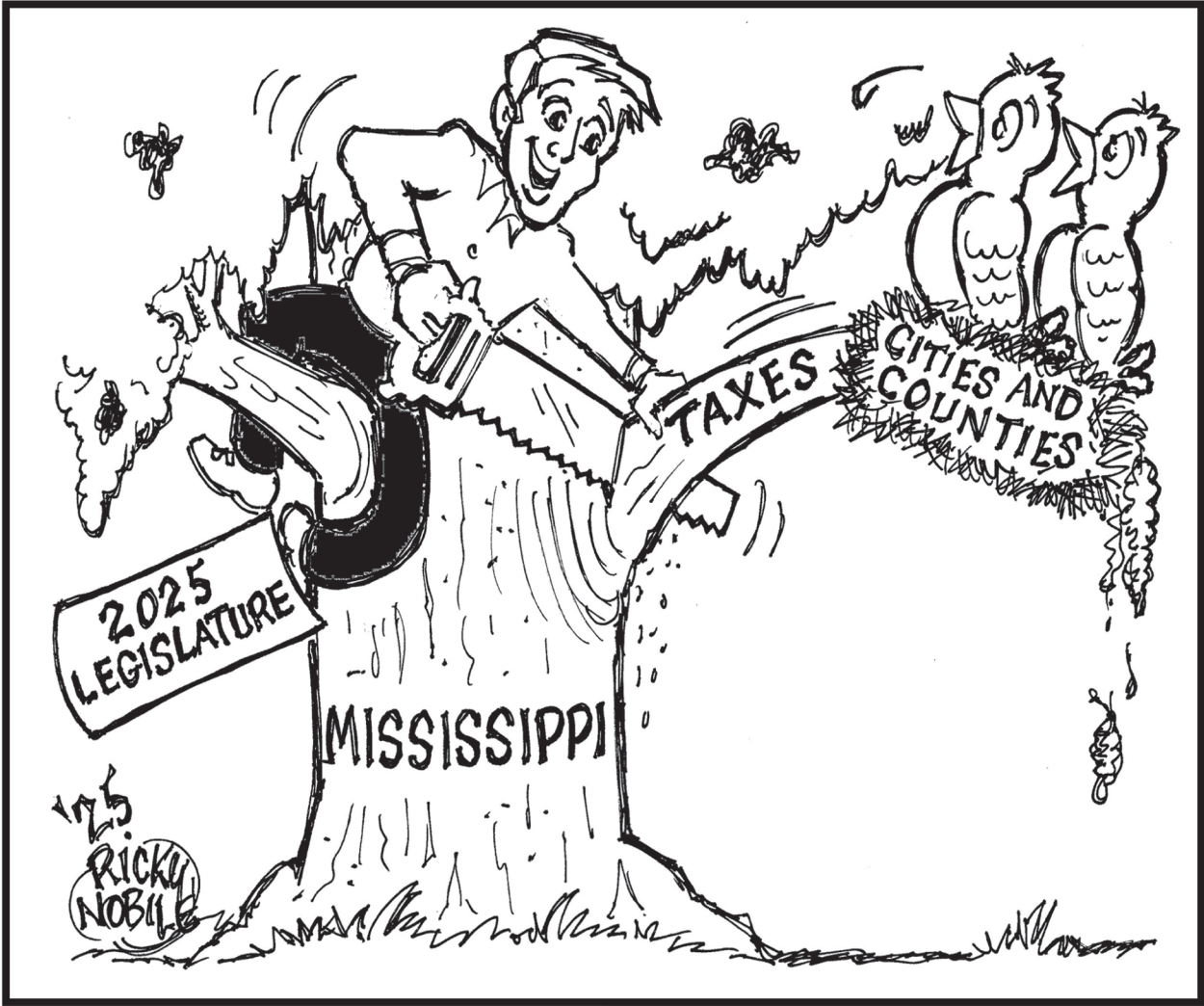
A Shoshone Native American woman named Sacagawea made contact with Louis and Clark. She was married to a French fur trader, Toussaint Charbonneau. Sacagawea was multilingual and helped the expedition as an interpreter and guide in their



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

encounters with other Indian chiefs they The Expedition of the Corps of Discovery was a great success. A crude pathway was discovered to encourage the nation to spread westward. Over the Nineteenth Century, New Orleans became a major port because of trade of goods up and down the Missouri-Mississippi River. The West was settled and the nation prospered. Many citizens of Hancock County worked in New Orleans or were seamen. A famous local steamboat captain was William “Billy” Boardman (1840-1894) who drove up the Missouri River in his steamboat, “Dakotah.” Boardman Avenue in Cedar Point is named after this steamboat family. A good read on this subject is “Undaunted Courage” by Stephen Ambrose (1936-2002). Ambrose retired to Waveland and was a member of the Hancock County Historical Society.

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Thank you

Ashton Bullock and his family would like to stay “Thank you” to the community for your show of support at his benefit.

Thank you to tall businesses and individuals for your generous donations. To everyone who donated prepared food, thank you!

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hind-the-scenes friends and volunteers for all your help and advice.

Ashton still has a long way to go, so please keep him and our family in your prayers.

Again, thank you to a community that cares.

-- The Bullock-Oliver family

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ARREST RECORD

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Sandra L. Sumlin, 43, probation violation
Jimmy Cumings, 47, probation violation
Rosanna Craft, 39, simple assault; aggravated domestic violence
Shannon E. Sims, 41, shoplifting
Cedric D. Cooper, 31, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute; controlled substance trafficking
Scott A. Harrison, 48, DUI; contempt of court failure to appear
Alisha M. Cooper, 29, probation violation
Zina N. Stubbs, 51, petit larceny
Richard E. Tolar II, 43, simple domestic violence simple assault; possession of paraphernalia; contempt failure to pay
Timothy G. Pearson, 38, contempt failure to appear; probation violation
Horatio E. Walton, 26, contempt of court failure to appear
Gerson E. Hernandez, 34, drunkenness/profani-

ty in public place
Stephen J. Larocque, 25, larceny: felony taking of a vehicle
Brianna S. Page, 19, contempt of court failure to appear
Cory J. Bourgeois, 41, probation violation
Philip A. Willis Jr., 34, DUI; reckless driving; no proof of liability insurance
Gavinn S. Goodrich, 19, contempt of court failure to appear
Mark Mitchell, 50, contempt of court failure to appear
Gavinn S. Goodrich, 19, probation violation
Joel C. Tirey, 43, contempt failure to appear; probation violation
Luis A. Gutierrez-Pumarejo, 41, no drivers license or expired; improper equipment; hold for ICE
Angela A. Lord, 52, vehicle: improper lighting equipment; evasion, failure to stop a motor vehicle; DUI; careless driving; no drivers license or expired; no motor vehicle insurance
Zachary M. McLemore, 31, contempt of court failure to appear x 3
David A. Butcher II, 30, receiving stolen property
Breanna A. Morgan, 27, contempt of court failure to appear
Todd L. Renner, 52,

contempt failure to appear x 4
Erling C. Jensen, 35, disorderly conduct
Kristen L. Tomasich, 38, careless driving
John D. Bone, 32, careless driving; no motor vehicle insurance; possession of paraphernalia; no drivers license or expired
Christopher L. Winkles, 27, possession of paraphernalia
Jamie L. Rutland, 47, hold for other agency; contempt of court failure to appear x 2
John A. Heidel V, 43, resisting arrest; contempt of court failure to appear
Ashlee N. Slade, 33, tampering with physical evidence; conspiracy
Rick T. Lewis, 48, back for court/court order
Nicholas A. Dailey, 44, contempt failure to appear x 2
Jeremiah Q. Stewart, 26, back for court/court order; contempt of court failure to appear
Christopher M. Brown, 32, back for court/court order
Schman P. Ladner, 47, back for court/court order
Ethan J. Jacob, 26, back for court/court order
Tandra L. Boudreaux, 34, back for court/court order

David S. Starke, 46, hold for other agency
Carol E. Herrin, 52, contempt of court failure to appear
Joseph S. Grace, 28, burglary
Clark A. Hoda, 50, simple domestic violence simple assault
James M. Clark, 44, contempt of court failure to appear
Matthew T. Lott, 27, disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; contempt of court failure to appear
Landon R. Hayles, 18, DUI
Scott A. Huffer, 55, possession of paraphernalia; felony possession of controlled substance; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; hold for other agency
Hailey M. Young, 31, felony possession of controlled substance x 2
Jonathan T. Hall, contempt of court failure to appear
Martin V. Comfort, 61, contempt of court failure to appear
Sean P. Cannon, 41, simple domestic violence simple assault
Rudolph B. Jackson, 44, felony possession of controlled substance; probation violation
Malayna N. Cruz, 26, DUI; disorderly conduct; indecent exposure; careless driving; speeding
Jonathan W. Bullard, 43, hold for other agency

MS House Summary - Week of January 27, 2025

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The fourth week of the 2025 Legislative Session commenced on Monday, January 27, at 4:00 Pm, as the House reconvened to continue legislative proceedings. During the session, a resolution was adopted to schedule the annual State of the State Address by Governor Tate Reeves for Wednesday, January 29. The address would be delivered from the south steps of the Capitol, where the Governor will outline key policy priorities and legislative objectives for the upcoming year.

The House recently passed several bills, including HB 287, designating the sweet potato as the official state vegetable. HB 922 raises capital expenditure thresholds for Certificate of Need (CON) requirements, easing regulations. HB 1063 provides state employees with eight weeks of fully paid leave for primary caregivers and two weeks for secondary caregivers after the birth or adoption of a child. These measures now move to the Senate for consideration. On Thursday, the House observed a moment of silence to honor the 64 passengers who trag-

ically lost their lives in the plane crash at Reagan National Airport. Looking ahead, key legislative deadlines are approaching. Tuesday, February 4, marks the deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in their respective chambers. Thursday, February 13, is the final day for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments introduced in their respective chambers. The House is set to reconvene at 4:00 PM on Monday.

Grief Support: Help for the pain of losing a loved one

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

If you have lost someone you love, you know just how painful and unbearable the feelings are. If you are still suffering the pain of loss or know someone who is going through this, there is help. There is a 6-week Grief Support Group that

will be meeting again beginning February 26, 2025. If the loss was recent, or even sometime in the past, it can be a helpful way to deal with the lingering emptiness, loneliness, and host of other feelings that accompany death. Grief is a normal human experience. If you are in a relationship in

your life, whether it is marital, parent/child, sibling, friendship, or committed partnership, you will experience grief if one of the persons die. Grief expresses itself in a vast number of ways. It may be very clear that you are in pain from the loss. It can affect sleep, appetite, work, mood, thinking, productivity,

or other relationships. If you find yourself “off” since your loss, that may be the way you are doing grief. Regardless, there are ways to soften the pain, and one of the most ef-

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land and producing the same cash crops that have fueled our state for decades and selling to our long-term trade partners for cheaper. Since 2021, soybean prices have dropped by \$1.92 per bushel, while corn prices have decreased by \$1.04 per bushel. Meanwhile, production costs have surged significantly—up 124% for soybeans, 102% for corn, and 122% for rice. These increases have resulted in losses of \$161.40 per acre of soybeans, \$175.32 per acre of corn, and \$176.75 per acre of cotton. Increased production does not offset these losses. How do we remain competitive

and move forward?
I, and the Senate Agriculture Committee, led by Senators Neil Whaley and Andy Berry, are committed to driving state government to assist farmers and allow them to keep feeding and clothing the world. We’ll hold additional meetings to brainstorm solutions and, more importantly, act on them. Protecting our farmers by preventing frivolous lawsuits, avoiding increases in property taxes, and maintaining investments in infrastructure are critical. I want to take a moment to thank our federal delegation and Commissioner Gipson for their steadfast support of Mississippi’s agriculture community. Their work to secure relief funding and advocate for our farmers at the national level has been invaluable. A

significant part of the solution will likely rely on federal funding, and with Congress facing a September deadline to pass a new Farm Bill, their leadership is more critical than ever. Mississippi is fortunate to have a strong federal delegation, and with President Trump’s return, I am optimistic about robust support from Washington, D.C. Mississippi farmers are some of the most resilient people I know. They’re the backbone of our state, and it’s our responsibility to make sure they have the resources and support they need to get through this tough time. I have great concern about the road ahead but remain hopeful that together we can find solutions by continuing this important work.

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FEBRUARY 8

• The 57th annual Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Tableau Ball (strictly formal) will be held at 8 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi. Free, but tickets are required for entry. You're invited to join in the fun with the presentation of the 2025 royal court and beautiful tableau, and then afterwards, enjoy a wonderful dinner and dance. Formal attire required: Evening floor length gown and tuxedo required. No charge for viewing the ball tableau. For an invitation to the ball, contact info@thekreweofnereids.com. After party dance tickets are \$100 each. For after party tickets, email supperdance@thekreweofnereids.com.

• Crosby Arboretum will host its 17th annual Forge Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under, and \$4 for seniors / first responders / military. Metalworkers and vendors, including the Sugary Sweet Homestead, Scooter's Kitchen, Gulf Coast Coffee, and Kickin-Lickin BBQ will offer a variety of items for sale. Picayune Mayor Jim Luke will be on hand to sign his latest book, "Gateway to Picayune's Prosperity." A record number of metalworkers will be on hand, including The History Chanel's "Forged in Fire" season six champion, Seth J. Borries of Southern Long Beard Knives in Gautier. The arboretum is located at 370 Ridge Road in Picayune.

• The Diamondhead School of Fine Arts announces auditions for its 11th theater production, "Robin Hood." This classic tale of adventure, heroism, and humor is the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the magic of community theater. Auditions will be held on Feb. 8 and 9 at the DSFA campus, 4423 D Leisure Time Dr., Diamondhead. Ages: Teen to adult - If you're 13 or older and have a desire to learn and have fun, we'd love to see you audition. No experience is necessary. We are also looking for tech crew members and individuals with unique talents to contribute to this production. Rehearsals will be held

on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Show dates are April 4, 5, and 6. For more information, contact dsfa@dsfa-global.org or call 228-274-5404.

FEBRUARY 12

• In celebration of Black History Month, The Arts, Hancock County is showcasing African American culture through art this February. The art exhibition and sale will highlight the impact of Black art on our society and our lives. The Arts, Hancock County invites you to participate in its 3rd annual Black Art Exhibition and Sale. Register at www.hancockarts.org. Prize money: 1st \$500; 2nd \$300; and 3rd \$200. The juried invitational is open to central Gulf Coast (Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana) artists 18 and older. Only original works created in the last five years and not previously shown at The Arts, Hancock County will be accepted. All forms of media are eligible including 3D, and video, with a limit of three pieces per artist for submission and consideration. All submissions will be reviewed based on the aesthetic and technical skills of the artist. All applicants will be notified regarding acceptance by Jan. 31. Accepted artwork must be delivered to Hancock Arts on Feb. 4-8 during the hours of operation.

FEBRUARY 15

• The Arts, Hancock County is hosting Foundations of Drawing with Rhonda Stephens. Adults from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids (ages 11+) 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All materials included. It is a beginner's drawing class and an opportunity to dive into the fundamentals of drawing and composition, build your skills, and explore your creativity. Learn more at www.hancockarts.org.

FEBRUARY 19

• St. Stanislaus presents "Financial Assistance: Affording St. Stanislaus" at 5:30 p.m. on campus. This session, designed for current and prospective parents, will explore how to make St. Stanislaus education more accessible. We'll cover tuition assistance programs, financial

aid options, the ACE scholarship program, and guide you through the Clarity application process for aid calculations. Our team will be available to answer all your questions about affording a St. Stanislaus education for your son. For more information, visit www.st-stan.com/financial-assistance-seminar/

FEBRUARY 22

• The VFW Auxiliary 3253 car show fundraiser will be held at VFW Post 3253, located at 208 Third St. Registration is at 8 a.m. until noon on the day of the show. Registration fee is \$25. Participants dash plaques for first 50 vehicles to register. Awards at 1:30 p.m. Top 20 vehicle, top five trucks, best of show, and six specialty awards, John Parent award, 50/50 raffle, and other fun giveaways. Food, homemade desserts, and beverages will be available. Proceeds support veterans programs.

• The Krewe of Kids will host its annual parade on Dunbar Ave-

nue at 11 a.m.

FEBRUARY 23

• The Krewe of Nereids 57th annual parade will begin at noon. The parade is a family affair that draws huge crowds along its route to enjoy the fanciful floats, colorfully costumed royalty, and float riders, along with marching bands, dance, and walking groups and truck floats, with over 100 units. The signature throw is a hand decorated seashell.

FEBRUARY 27

• The Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis' 20th annual Chili/Mac-n-Cheese cook off fundraiser will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall, located at 301 Blaize Ave. Sponsorship and advertisement opportunities are available for businesses. Funds raised will support service projects both locally and internationally. For more information, visit www.baystlouisrotary.com or contact event co-chairs Dave Mayley at 228-380-

0755, David Hilbert at 228-697-0838, and Meg Noonan at 228-304-0130.

MARCH 1

• The Krewe of Diamondhead will host its annual Mardi Gras parade, beginning at noon.

MARCH 2

• The St. Paul Carnival Association Parade in Pass Christian begins at noon.

MARCH 3

• The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will hosts its annual Lundi Gras parade in Old Town Bay St. Louis beginning at 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 4

• The Krewe of Real People will hosts its annual parade in downtown Bay St. Louis beginning at 1 p.m.

MARCH 22

• The Arts, Hancock County presents Squared Up: Starfish acrylic painting with Samantha Hallenus. Parent and me waiting from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A beginner friendly class for ages 7 and up. Parents are encouraged to stay and paint alongside their kids for a meaningful and artistic experience. Reserve your spot at www.hancockarts.org. All materials are provided.

MARCH 29

• Arts Alive, a two-day art festival, will be held on March 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 30 from noon to 5 p.m. Free admission. Arts Alive is a family-friendly event. This year features multiple performance stages, an artist trail filled with award-winning local talent, and it's always fun to watch artists working their magic in the MakerSpace demonstrations. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in the new Culinary Arts competition for desserts. Artist, vendor, food truck registration is open. Learn more at www.hancockarts.org. Arts Alive will be held in the Depot Arts District along Blaize Avenue and runs along the newly renovated grounds in front of the Bay St. Louis historic L&N Train Depot at 1928 Depot Way, Bay St. Louis.

Disclaimer:

Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically — to cassandra@seacoast-echo.com.

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector
**Homestead Exemption
Applications Accepted**

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from **January 3, 2025 through March 31, 2025**, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2025** to qualify for homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- A) Warranty deed
- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County. **(All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)**
- E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
- G) Is any part of the property rented
- H) Must have MS Driver's License and Social Security Number

You must refile your homestead exemption application if, on or before January 1, 2025 any of the following occurred

- A) You became over 65 on or before January 1, 2025
- B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before January 1, 2025
- C) You acquired a new residence
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

**If you have any questions please call
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Tax Assessor/Collector Hancock County**

Hancock Young Professionals announces 2025 event dates

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Hancock Young Professionals (HYP), a program of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce, experienced a dynamic transformation in 2024. Reaffirming its mission to connect emerging leaders and cultivate the future of Hancock County, the group focused on renewing connections, and launching professional development and community engagement.

Young professionals groups play a crucial role in fostering mentorship, leadership development, and workforce engagement. By bringing together seasoned experts and new talent, HYP empowers young professionals to influence policies and initiatives that shape the future of the local economy. As industries evolve, HYP serves as a bridge between generations, ensuring a thriving and connected professional community.

“Our goal is to provide Chamber-supported opportunities for young professionals to network, grow in their expertise, and engage meaningfully with the community,” said Jordan Bradford, HYP Chairman. “The members of HYP are committed to championing issues that impact not only our generation but those to come.”

HYP 2025 Executive Committee:

- Jordan Bradford, Nammo MAC - Chairman
- Rachel Knight, Ross & Yerger - Secretary
- Anna Ring Smith, Amy Northard CPA - Treasurer
- Sara Shelton, Diamondhead School of Fine Arts - Membership Chair
- Taylor Ladner, Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission - Events Chair
- M c K e n z e y Northington, Hancock County Tourism Commission - Marketing Chair
- Michael Haas III, Gallagher – Sponsorship Chair

2025 Meeting & Event Schedule

HYP events take place on the second Tuesday of most months, alternating between midday and evening gatherings. Dates and times are subject to change.

- February 11 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunchtime Link: “Formulating Your Financial Future” with Ted Longo
Location: The Club at Diamondhead, 7600 Country Club Circle
No registration fee; attendees cover their own lunch. Register at www.hancockchamber.org
- March 11 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Live After Five - Open networking in a relaxed environment
No fee or registration required; attendees cover their own refreshments.
- April 8 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunchtime Link – Professional Development
- June 10 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunchtime Link – Professional Development
- July 8 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Live After Five – Open networking in a relaxed environment
- August 12 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunchtime Link – Professional Development

- September 9 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Live After Five – Open networking in a relaxed environment
- October 21 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunchtime Link – Professional Development
- November 13 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Co-hosting Business After Hours with the Hancock Chamber
- December 9 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Live After Five – Open networking in a relaxed environment

Empowering Success Across Generations

Being part of HYP is more than just networking—it’s about fostering growth, mentorship, and lasting impact in Hancock County. Members gain access to valuable connections, professional development opportunities, and a platform to shape the future of the local workforce.

Join Us!

- If your business is a member of the Hancock Chamber, employees under 45 can participate in HYP as a benefit of membership with no additional cost.
- If your business is not yet a Chamber member, individuals can join HYP for only \$75 per year.

For more information, visit www.hancockchamber.org or contact Tish Williams at (228) 216-9048 or tish@hancockchamber.org.

Hancock Young Professionals is a program of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Haas & Haas Attorneys, Ross & Yerger, The Longo Group, and Beverly Ogden.

VTSU congratulates Josh Peters for earning Fall 2024 Dean’s List honors

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

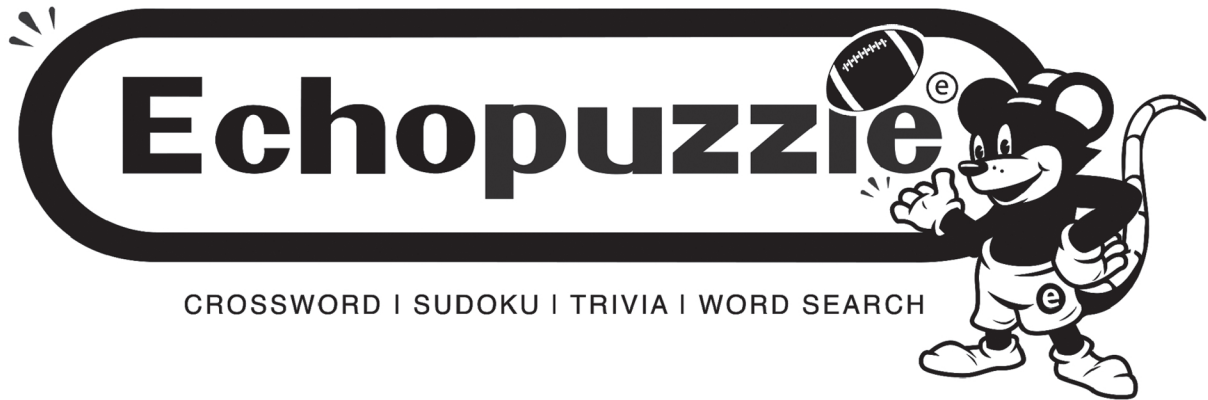
Vermont State University is proud to recognize Josh Peters of Bay St Louis, MS, for earning Dean’s List honors for the Fall 2024 semester.

Dean’s List designation is reserved for students who maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENT			
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GENERAL FUND REVENUES		GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	
TAXES	6,867,623	ELECTED DEPARTMENTS	241,554
LICENSES & PERMITS	291,358	JUDICIAL/COURT DEPARTMENTS	287,727
FINES & FEES	387,387	ADMIN AND FINANCE	938,128
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	230,319	BUILDING AND ZONING	425,119
INTEREST	312,485	POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,571,296
RENTS/FRANCHISE FEES	349,229	FIRE DEPARTMENT	1,979,889
OTHER	238,028	PUBLIC WORKS	1,613,256
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	8,676,429	CULTURAL, RECREATION, EVENTS	619,460
		TOTAL GENERAL FUND	8,676,429
RESTRICTED FUNDS REVENUE		RESTRICTED EXPENDITURES	
TAXES	188,577	JUDICIAL/COURT	1,250
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	2,316,450	POLICE DEPARTMENT	45,019
INTEREST	30,103	FIRE DEPARTMENT	8,100
OTHER	13,550	LIBRARY	195,743
SEIZURES/FORFEITURES SETTLED	-	TIDELANDS	986,795
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	2,548,680	CULTURAL & RECREATIONS	484,034
		MODERNIZATION	689,668
		TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	2,410,609
DEBT SERVICE REVENUES		DEBT SERVICES EXPENDITURES	
TAXES	490,361	DEBIT SERVICES	458,391
INTEREST	3,641	TOTAL DEBIT SERVICES	458,391
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	494,002		
CAPITAL PROJECT REVENUE		CAPITAL PROJECTS	
INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE	17,487,842	FEMA PROJECTS	6,695,300
INTEREST	70,543	ARPA - OTHER	12,114,028
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	17,558,385	TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	18,809,328
UTILITY - WATER,SEWER & GAS		UTILITY - WATER, SEWER & GAS	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,774,997	UTILITY DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT	141,158
OTHER REVENUE	145,234	BILLING AND COLLECTION	361,827
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		PUMP TREAT PURIFY	118,140
		GAS UTILITY	214,300
		SANITARY SEWER LINES	161,525
		WASTEWATER TREATMENT	1,155,000
		SOLID WASTE	568,050
		DEBT SERVICE	499,450
		INTERFUND TRANSACTION	229,427
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Gutter repair - \$10,095			
Utility Debt Service			
Early bond payoff - \$107,946			

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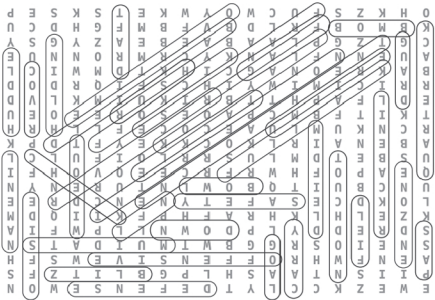
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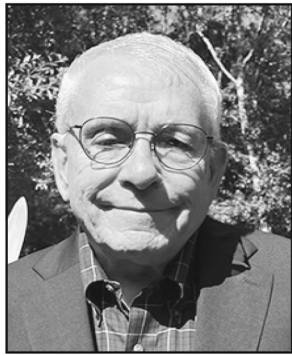


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Learning to Live Together

By **REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN**



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

From the earliest days of recorded civilization people have gravitated to each other and often lived in close proximity. Sometimes these arrangements have been difficult. There have been challenges, and even hostility. People have often worked to-

gether in harmony, but there have also been numerous examples of friction and conflict. The truth is that humans are naturally social. We need interaction with one another, and our lives are enriched when we find ways to care for and support those around us.

Our spiritual lives are also connected to relationships. Most spirituality occurs in community. While it is true that each person has an individual responsibility for his/her spiritual journey, it is also true that it is usually healthy to share it with others. Sometimes this happens in churches, synagogues, or other religious settings. Although it is possible to have an authentic spiritual experience which does not include a traditional religious setting, it will come as no surprise to most readers that this writer finds spir-

itual strength within the church.

Recently, it was my privilege to be the preacher at an ecumenical service in the Diamondhead community. There were various congregations in the area participating in the service which was hosted by Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. It was a wonderful evening of worship, fellowship, and unity. The service was held just at the end of our historic winter weather, but even so, the attendance was strong.

In my remarks I tried to say that we find our strength in the community that we share. This includes our capacity for trust, hope, and the richness of our life together. We live together. We laugh together. We sometimes struggle and weep together. Through it all, we are encouraged and sustained by the relationships

which nurture our lives.

An important part of life in community is learning to hear each other. We grow both by sharing our lives, and by listening to the concerns and feelings of others. When we honestly try to engage with those around us, we are likely to discover possibilities in relationships which can not only produce growth, but also peace.

It is common knowledge that we currently live in times that are often contentious. Religious ideals are strongly held. Political values are diverse and sometimes, intractable. Relationships can be fragile. We may find ourselves at odds with family and friends whom we have valued for most of our lives. These are harsh realities which may bring about severe divisions among well-meaning people. It is essential that we learn to talk

together and seek understanding even in the absence of agreement.

This is not to say that truth is negotiable or situational. The Judeo-Christian faith, as well as most religions, hold values which are historic, well-founded, and articulated with clarity. Sometimes these are compatible with conventional wisdom, and at times they are contrary to it. In general, they call followers to treat people with human dignity, exercise charity and generosity with others, foster a forgiving spirit, and offer help to those who are in need. All of this is part of the spirit which we share. We can talk about it, acknowledge our struggles, and be open to growth. It can lead us to community.

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APOSTOLIC

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Bayside Park | 467-0500

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Pearlington
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Annunciation Catholic
5370 Kiln Delisle Rd., Kiln
255-1800

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
9062 Kiln Delisle Rd.,
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Diamondhead 255-9213

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467-6771

Grace Lutheran Church
19221 Pineville Rd.,
Long Beach
864-4248

METHODIST

Clermont Harbor United Methodist
Ioor St., Clermont Harbor
Pastor: Rev. T. Manuel Johnson
Service: 11:00 a.m.

Diamondhead Methodist Church
5305 Noma Drive
Diamondhead | 255-6888
Pastor: Rev. Lee Ann Williamson • Sunday: 9:00 am
Worship and Kids Zone
Sunday: 10:00 am Disciple-
ship Hour • Tuesday: 8 am
Men's Breakfast, conversation
& devotion • Tuesday: 6 pm
Bible Study

First United Methodist
526 E. Second St.
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Greater Mt. Zion
African Methodist Episcopal
16223-3rd at 7th Ave.
Pearlington | 533-9976

Holmes Chapel United Methodist
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162 Main St., Bay St. Louis
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New Life Methodist Church
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Community
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Pearlington United Methodist
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Waveland | 466-9185

Valena C. Jones United Methodist
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Pastor

MORMON

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Southern Outreach Ministries
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Bay St. Louis
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Bay St. Louis | 467-4488

Zacchaeus Community Church
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467-3575

Healing Hearts Church
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Bible study, Wed., 7 p.m.

New Life Church
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Diamondhead | 216-4105
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Rev. Jason Edwards
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LEGALS

Notice for Early Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals
This is to give notice that the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission proposes to undertake the following:
Port Bienville Intermodal Yard Expansion
The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is requesting the use of U.S. Department of the Treasury Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act funding for improvements to the Port Bienville Intermodal Yard.
In deciding whether to fund the proposed project, U.S. Department of the Treasury is obligated to follow requirements set forth by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management. This Notice of Intent is being provided in fulfillment of the aforementioned Executive order.
The project site is in Hancock County, Mississippi. The Project center is located at approximately latitude 30.239976°, longitude -89.536900° in section 30, Township 9S, Range 15W, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, MS.
The Port Bienville Intermodal Yard project site is approximately 97.7 acres and is located within the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE) as shown on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Map Number 28059C0406G, effective October 16, 2009. Base flood elevation (BFE) is 16 feet above sea level. Measures would be taken during construction work to ensure that construction is performed in a manner that minimizes any negative impact to the floodplain.
The Intermodal Yard expansion will be constructed in phases beginning with Phase 1a. Phase 1a is adjacent to the south of the existing track and will add 3,800 feet of track that extends to the east. Phase 1b is south of the existing track and will add 16,310 feet of track

that includes eight tracks in a Classification Yard. Phases 1a and 1b combined will impact approximately 16 acres of wetland.
Members of the public are invited to submit comments on the proposed activity. Additional information on the proposed activity is available for the public between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday at the following location:

Blaine Lafontaine
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission
Executive Director
14054 Fred and Al Key Road
Kiln, MS 39526

(228)467-9231
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Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments for consideration by the Hancock County Airport Authority at the above address by February 24, 2025. All comments will be considered prior to constructing the proposed activity.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Brian K. Carpenter and Hollie A. Carpenter executed and delivered a Promissory Note (Note) in favor of Young David Mitchell, in the principle amount of EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$88,000.00) on the 17th day of July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure said Note, Brian K. Carpenter and Hollie A. Carpenter, executed and delivered a Deed of Trust to Gulf States Title, Inc., as Trustee for Young David Mitchell, said Deed of Trust being dated July 17, 2013, and recorded on July 17, 2013 in Deed of Trust Book 2013 at Page 17442 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Russell was the holder of said Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, pursuant to the Judgment dated March 10, 2023, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, in the matter of the Estate of Young David Mitchell (Cause No: 23Ch1:21-cv-00436-CB); and

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of July, 2023, Tammy Russell, did substitute and appoint Michael J. Casano, Esq., as Substitute Trustee by instrument dated July 17, 2023, and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 11106 of the Land Deed Records of Hancock County, Mississippi;

And

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of January, 2025, Michael J. Casano, Esq., did execute an Assignment of Deed of Trust from Tammy Russell to Fleur De Lis Homes, LLC, the current holder of said Promissory Note and Deed of Trust.

WHEREAS, said Mortgagor has defaulted in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the payments therein as specified and failing to pay the interest thereon, and under the terms of said Deed of Trust, said indebtedness is declared due and payable; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Russell has demanded that the same be foreclosed in the manner provided therein so as to satisfy the indebtedness thereby se-

cured; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that the Holder thereof may foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with applicable state law.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Casano, Esq., Substitute Trustee, as aforesaid, will on the 27th day of February, 2025, offer for sale and sell during the legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, together with the appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, lying and being situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 31, Hillcrest Subdivision, First Ward, and Rear First Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said Subdivision on file in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but I convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this 28th day of January, 2025.

s/Michael J. Casano, Esq.,
Substitute Trustee

Prepared by:
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CEMORE MICHAEL ABNEY III
PLAINTIFF

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 24-0466-CB

CHRISTOPHER M. RUSSELL; GLORIA WINTERS; THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SAID INDIVIDUALS AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4, PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

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TO: 1. CHRISTOPHER M. RUSSELL; GLORIA WINTERS; THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SAID INDIVIDUALS; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES, REAL OR CORPORATE, HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4, PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

You have been made a Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff, Cemore Michael Abney III, seeking to confirm his title to the property described above, acquired from a tax on AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4, PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to DAVID PILGER, Attorney for the Plaintiff whose address is 1406 Bienville Blvd., Suite 101, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, 39564.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2025, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the Seal of said Court, this the 17th

day of January, 2025.

Tiffany Cowman, Chancery Clerk
152 Main Street, Suite A
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BY: Bridgette Ladner, D.C.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2006, executed by DALE J MILLER and JENNIFER A. KIRKLAND conveying certain real property therein described to RECON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded October 4, 2006, in Deed Book 2006, Page 48464; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust VIII-C; and WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on February 27, 2025 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

LOT 5, PELICAN ISLE SUBDIVISION, AS PER THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 17139 FENTON DEDEAUX ROAD, KILN, MS 39556. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rslaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401

PUBLISH: 01/30/2025, 02/06/2025, 02/13/2025, 02/20/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCKCOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY VIOLA MILLS HELFFRICH HUGHES, DECEASED

BY: DOROTHY RUTH HELFFRICH BOUDOIN, Petitioner

NO. C23CH1-24-cv-214 CB

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF DOROTHY VIOLA MILLS HELFFRICH HUGHES, DECEASED, WHOSE NAMES, POST OFFICE ADDRESSES AND STREET ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY TO THE SAME.

You have been made a defendant in a suit filed in this Court by, DOROTHY RUTH HELFFRICH BOUDOIN, Petitioner, seeking determination of heirs of DOROTHY VIOLA MILLS HELFFRICH HUGHES, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m., on the 13th day of March 2025, in a courtroom of the Harrison County Chancery Court, 1801 23rd Avenue Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, and in case of your failure to appear

and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN,
CHANCERY CLERK

BY: Bridgette Ladner, D.C

PUBLISH: 2/6/2025, 2/13/2025, 2/20/2025

REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR EMERGENCY POWER RESTORATION
COAST ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION
Coast Electric Power Association is requesting information for qualified businesses that would be interested in providing service for our electric distribution system during a major power outage disaster. This includes system restoration/construction, right-of-way clearing, and substation restoration. Please submit the name of the company, contact person, phone number, and address as soon as possible to contracting@coastelectric.coop. Companies interested should also provide qualifications and a list of references if applicable. Coast Electric reserves the right to award based on best value and Coast Electric reserves the right to award contract to other than lowest price offered. Coast Electric Power Association is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
FOREST PRODUCTS FOR SALE ON HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LANDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County Board of Education at the School District Office, 18375, Hwy 603 Kiln, MS 39556 up to and not later than 10:00 A.M. February 18th, 2025, for the purchase on a per-ton basis for all timber, standing or down, designated for harvesting in Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi. Each bidder is expected to make their own cruise and to bid accordingly.

Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from James Shumpert, Assistant Regional Forester, 477 Southgate Hattiesburg MS, 39402 telephone number (601) 528-4873. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

The sale consists of a + 114 acre pay- as- cut final harvest on a ~40 year old natural pine stand. The stand has an average merchantable height of 30 feet and an average DBH of 10.2 inches. At present the average basal area is 115.8 square feet per acre. Bids will be on a per ton basis for the following products: pine pulpwood, pine chip-n-saw, pine poles, pine sawtimber, hardwood pulpwood, and hardwood sawtimber.

Publication Dates:

January 23, 2025
January 30, 2025
February 6, 2025
February 13, 2025

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S
NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2014, Gerald Floyd Hemphill and Adrienne M. Hemphill executed a certain deed of trust to J. Morton Matrick, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Urban Financial of America, LLC, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2015 at Page 366; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated November 21, 2024 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2024, Page 26925; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Finance of America Reverse LLC, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in

said deed of trust, will on February 12, 2025 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOT 38, SQUARE 28, SHORELINE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 5, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PARCEL ID:135R-0-46-029.00

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

LOGS Legal Group LLP
1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202
Flowood, MS 39232
(601) 981-9299

458 Skyline Drive
Bay St Louis, MS 39520
23-029859

Publication Dates:
December 26, 2024, January 16, 2025, January 23, 2025 and January 30, 2025, February 06, 2025

Request for HHWD Collection
Proposals Legal Notice

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is co-sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day proposed for the Spring of 2025. The Board is seeking proposals from qualified Contractors to provide for the proper handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous wastes from households. The State of Mississippi is providing grant funds to the County through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Solid Waste Assistance Program for the handling, transportation, and disposal of waste.

Specifications regarding the program description, proposal format, proposal evaluation criteria, contractor responsibilities, bid conditions, etc are available to interested contractors upon request. Please contact Ms. Brittney Johnson at the Hancock County Board of Supervisors office at 228-395-1506.

Proposals must be sealed and properly labeled and should be delivered by mail or electronically to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors 854 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520, or Brittney.Johnson@co.hancock.ms.us. Attention: Brittney Johnson, on or before 10:00 a.m., February 18, 2025.

January 30, 2025, and February 6, 2025.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS

David C Dreher, Jr. has filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance (Article 3.4.8) to allow the construction of a second accessory storage building exceeding 800 square feet.

The property address is 8438 Kimo Court. The tax parcel number is 067M-1-35-175.000. The property is in an R-6 zoning district. There shall only be one accessory structure on a property and accessory structures shall not exceed 800 square feet. The variance requested is a second accessory and an additional 1,200 square feet for said structure. The Case File Number is 202500017.

In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 9.8, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Mayor and City Council a variance be granted as the variance was applied for or in a modified form or subject to conditions or the application may be denied. A variance may be revocable, may be granted for a limited period, or may be granted subject to conditions as the Planning Commission or Mayor and City Council may prescribe.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator, at prich@diamondhead.ms.gov or 228-242-1613.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES TERRELL LEGROS, JR., DECEASED

THOMAS LEGROS, PETITIONER

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:24-cv-00693-MA

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 27th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of JAMES TERRELL LEGROS, JR, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 6th day of February, 2025.

s/THOMAS LEGROS

PUBLISH: February 6, 2025, February 13, 2025, February 20, 2025

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023, JAMESON R. CARMICHAEL, MARRIED executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for NEWREZ LLC, its successors and assigns, which deed of trust was recorded on February 22, 2023, in Book 2023, Page 3097 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded Book 2024, Page 8436 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi.WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on July 15, 2024, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 15516, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; andWHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;THEREFORE, on February 20, 2025, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:LOT 154, DEER PARK SUBDIVISION, PHASE III, AS PER MAP OR PLAT ON FILE IN THE HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE.ALSO: ONE (1) 2006 SUNSHINE HOMES 16 X 76 MOBILE HOME, BEARING SERIAL NO. AL-S-14024, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO SAID LAND.BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED UNTO JAMESON R. CARMICHAEL AND DANIELLE L. CARMICHAEL AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, BY VIRTUE OF WARRANTY DEED FROM CYNTHIA R. BENCAZ, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF CHARLES E. BENCAZ, JR., DECEASED., DATED JULY 30, 2018, RECORDED JULY 31,2018, IN BOOK: 2018 AND PAGE: 9349Parcel ID: 043T-0-06-118.000I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of January, 2025/s-/ Robert M. Peebles, III
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLPSubstitute Trustee1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049(662) 388-5464Foreclosurehotline.net
File No.: 24-03091MSPUBLISH: 01/30/2025,02/06/2025,02/13/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERL THOMAS KERSHENSTINE, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:25-cv-00021-JS

NITA ANN VACCARO, PETITIONER

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 29th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Jerl Thomas Kershenstine, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 6th day of February, 2025.

s/NITA ANN VACCARO

PUBLISH: February 6, 2025, February 13, 2025, and February 20, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOYCE A. HACKLER, DECEASED

NO. 24-290(CB)

ANDREA PLAISANCE

ADMINISTRATRIX

RULE 81 SUMMONS (Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)

TO: Unknown heirs at law of Joyce A. Hackler, Deceased, whose residence is unknown.

You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Andrea Plaisance.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging and seeking to establish the unknown heirs at law of Joyce A. Hackler.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 A.M. on the 24th day of March, 2025, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse at Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the complaint.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under hand and the seal of said Court, this 27th day of January, 2025.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, CLERK HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

BY: /s/Cassie Tribble _____, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE ESTATE OF MARY L. BRAKEBILL & THE PAUL TUENNERMAN LIVING TRUST

VS.

NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, BECKY BINION BEHNEN, JACK NICHOLAS BEHNEN, BENNY BEHNEN, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE CLAIM TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY: LOT THIRTY ONE (31), BLOCK TWO (2), UNIT SEVEN (7), DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 2

CAUSE NO. 25-32

Summons

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE CLAIM TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY: LOT THIRTY ONE (31), BLOCK TWO (2), UNIT SEVEN (7), DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 2

You have been made a Defendant in this suit, filed in this Court, by the Plaintiffs listed above, seeking to quiet title and to eliminate a tax patent in favor of Nicholas G. Behen which is a cloud on the title. Defendants other than you in this action are listed above in the style of this case.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to, Attorney for Plaintiff(s), David Crane, whose address is 2405 Broadmoor Place, Gulfport, MS 39501.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 10, 2025. Otherwise a Judgment may be entered which precludes you from asserting your claim.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of February 2025.

Tiffany Cowan Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi

Run Dates:---- February 6, February 13, and February 20

David Crane 2405 Broadmoor Place Gulfport, MS 39501 (228) 341-3663 MS Bar No. 8446

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE ESTATE OF MARY L. BRAKEBILL & THE PAUL TUENNERMAN LIVING TRUST

VS.

NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, BECKY BINION BEHNEN, JACK NICHOLAS BEHNEN, BENNY BEHNEN, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE CLAIM TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY: LOT THIRTY ONE (31), BLOCK TWO (2), UNIT SEVEN (7), DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 2

CAUSE NO. 25-32

Summons

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN

You have been made a Defendant in this suit, filed in this Court, by the Plaintiffs listed above, seeking to quiet title and to eliminate a tax patent in favor of Nicholas G. Behen which is a cloud on the title. Defendants other than you in this action are listed above in the style of this case.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to, Attorney for Plaintiff(s), David Crane, whose address is 2405 Broadmoor Place, Gulfport, MS 39501.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 10, 2025. Otherwise a Judgment may be entered which precludes you from asserting your claim.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of February 2025.

Tiffany Cowan Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE ESTATE OF MARY L. BRAKEBILL & THE PAUL TUENNERMAN LIVING TRUST

VS.

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CAUSE NO. 25-32

Summons

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: BECKY BINION BEHNEN

You have been made a Defendant in this suit, filed in this Court, by the Plaintiffs listed above, seeking to quiet title and to eliminate a tax patent in favor of Nicholas G. Behen which is a cloud on the title. Defendants other than you in this action are listed above in the style of this case.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to, Attorney for Plaintiff(s), David Crane, whose address is 2405 Broadmoor Place, Gulfport, MS 39501.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 10, 2025. Otherwise a Judgment may be entered which precludes you from asserting your claim.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of February 2025.

Tiffany Cowan Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi

Run Dates:---- February 6, February 13, and February 20

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE ESTATE OF MARY L. BRAKEBILL & THE PAUL

TUENNERMAN LIVING TRUST

VS.

NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, BECKY BINION BEHNEN, JACK NICHOLAS BEHNEN, BENNY BEHNEN, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE CLAIM TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY: LOT THIRTY ONE (31), BLOCK TWO (2), UNIT SEVEN (7), DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 2

CAUSE NO. 25-32

Summons

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: BENNY BEHNEN

You have been made a Defendant in this suit, filed in this Court, by the Plaintiffs listed above, seeking to quiet title and to eliminate a tax patent in favor of Nicholas G. Behen which is a cloud on the title. Defendants other than you in this action are listed above in the style of this case.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to, Attorney for Plaintiff(s), David Crane, whose address is 2405 Broadmoor Place, Gulfport, MS 39501

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 10, 2025. Otherwise a Judgment may be entered which precludes you from asserting your claim.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of Feb. 2025.

Tiffany Cowan Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi

Run Dates:---- February 6, February 13, and February 20

David Crane 2405 Broadmoor Place Gulfport, MS 39501 (228) 341-3663 MS Bar No. 8446

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE ESTATE OF MARY L. BRAKEBILL & THE PAUL TUENNERMAN LIVING TRUST

VS.

NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, BECKY BINION BEHNEN, JACK NICHOLAS BEHNEN, BENNY BEHNEN, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE CLAIM TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY: LOT THIRTY ONE (31), BLOCK TWO (2), UNIT SEVEN (7), DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 2

CAUSE NO. 25-32

Summons

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: JACK NICHOLAS BEHNEN

You have been made a Defendant in this suit, filed in this Court, by the Plaintiffs listed above, seeking to quiet title and to eliminate a tax patent in favor of Nicholas G. Behen which is a cloud on the title. Defendants other than you in this action are listed above in the style of this case.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to, Attorney for Plaintiff(s), David Crane, whose address is 2405 Broadmoor Place, Gulfport, MS 3950.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 10, 2025. Otherwise a Judgment may be entered which precludes you from asserting your claim.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of Feb. 2025.

Tiffany Cowan Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi

Run Dates:---- February 6, February 13, and February 20

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LYNN LADNER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 25-CV-00017-MA

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY LYNN LADNER

PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS:

TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF Mary Lynn Ladner, and any

and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title or interest as heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner, Deceased, in the estate including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner, if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the estate proceeding in the Court by Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III, in the Petition to Determine Heirs.

IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge Alfonso of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, at a Court to be held at the Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi thereof on the 12th day of March 2025, 9:00 a.m., next, then and there to show cause, if any they can why Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III should not be declared by the Court to be the heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner; and that the following persons are interested parties to this Petition as best can be determined by the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, to wit: Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III; and to show why they should not be declared the sole heirs-at-law of the deceased; and further to do and suffer such things as shall be considered and ordered by the Court aforesaid in the premises, and have then and there this writ, with an endorsement thereon to the manner in which you shall have served.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition/Complaint filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth hereinabove before the Honorable Judge Alfonso at the Chancery Court of Hancock County, located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire by filing it in the office of the Chancery Court of Pearl River County and sending a copy of your answer to William Cruse, 1016 Sixth Ave., STE A, Picayune, Mississippi 39466.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Hancock, Mississippi, this the day of January 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk _____, D.C.

[SEAL]

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520, on the application of the Bayou Caddy Memorial VFW Post 4808 for a special exception and site plan approval for a power pole for range and advertisement sign. The property is located at 7316 Lower Bay Road, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, 39520. The property is zoned A-1 Agricultural. All persons are hereby notified to attend and take such part as they deem appropriate.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DUMPSTER AND PORT-O-LET SERVICES

CITY OF WAVELAND The City of Waveland is requesting proposals for dumpster and/or port-o-let services to occur on a monthly basis, as needed for special events, or as on-call service. All prices proposed in this contract shall remain fixed for the entire duration of the contract period. This contract will be for term of one (1) year. Dumpsters Regular Services The following locations will require one (1) four (4) yard dumpster with once-per-week service:

Waveland Lighthouse: 111 N Beach Blvd, Waveland, MS 39520

Waveland Police Department: 1602 McLaurin St., Waveland, MS 39576

Waveland Civic Center/Museum: 335 Coleman Ave., Waveland, MS 39576

Elwood Bourgeois Park: 510 Central Ave., Waveland, MS 39576 Proposed cost per location: \$_____per month.

The following location will require one (1) thirty (30) yard dumpster with service provided on an as needed basis:

Public Works Building: 322 Gulfside St., Waveland, MS 39576 Proposed cost for this location: \$_____per month.

Special Event Services The City may require four (4) yard dumpsters and/or thirty (30) yard dumpsters for special events. These will be supplied on request.

Four (4) yard dumpster: \$_____per service. Thirty (30) yard dumpster: \$_____per service. (A separate Purchase Order will be required for all special event services.) All special event service prices must be fixed and inclusive of all associated costs, including delivery, set-up, servicing, pick-up, and disposal. Vendors are not permitted to charge additional fees beyond the fixed pricing provided in their proposal.

Port-O-Lets Special Event Services The City will require port-o-let services for various special events throughout the year, including but not limited to:

Cruising the Coast Destination Waveland Food Truck Fridays Christmas on Coleman Mardi Gras St. Patrick's Day Parades Easter

Special event services should include unit pricing, drop-off, pick-up, and servicing of units. Pricing must be transferable across all city-wide events. Standard Port-o-let: \$_____per event. Handicapped Port-o-let: \$_____per event. All special event service prices must be fixed and inclusive of all associated costs, including delivery, set-up, servicing, pick-up, and any additional fees. Vendors are not permitted to charge beyond the fixed pricing provided in their proposal.

Performance Expectations

All dumpsters and port-o-lets must be cleaned, maintained, and in good working condition.

Port-o-let units must be fully stocked with supplies (e.g., toilet paper and hand sanitizer) before delivery.

If a service issue arises (e.g., missed pickup or unsanitary conditions), the vendor must respond within four (4) hours to resolve the issue.

Proposal Details

This proposal covers services from March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026, and may be extended annually by mutual agreement.

Proposals must include proof of the following:
o State of Mississippi license(s)
o Bond
o Liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000

Proposals must include a monthly service guarantee stating there will be no charge if a problem arises between monthly service periods. Vendors must address any reported issues within a maximum response time of four (4) hours. The City of Waveland reserves the right to cancel or discontinue services without notice for failure to meet minimum requirements.

Submission Instructions

Sealed proposals must be marked on the outside of the envelope with "Dumpster and Port-O-Let Services" and have the name of the individual/entity submitting the proposal. One (1) original and one (1) copy of the proposal shall be submitted within.

The City of Waveland may select more than one vendor for these services.

Submit proposals via U.S. Mail, overnight service, or hand-delivery by 2:00 p.m. on February 18, 2025, to:

City of Waveland City Clerk, Lisa Planchard 301 Coleman Ave., Waveland, MS 39576

Proposals will be opened on February 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that evening. As advertised 2/6/25, 2/13/25 The City of Waveland reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time without notice, reject all proposals, and waive informalities if necessary.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT RIPP, SR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:24cv00649JP

MICHAEL RIPP, PETITIONER

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 27th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Robert Ripp, Sr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 6th day of February, 2025.

s/MICHAEL RIPP

PUBLISH: February 6, 2025, February 13, 2025, and February 20, 2025

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF Hancock

WHEREAS, on the 30th day of March, 2023, Rufus L. Palmer, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 5996; and

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of December, 2024, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as beneficiary, as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, assigned said Deed of Trust unto Nationstar Mortgage LLC, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2025 at Page 209; and

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of January, 2025 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2025 at Page 994; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 20th day of February, 2025, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 13, Square 323, Bayside Park Subdivision, Unit 4 a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 3, at Page 47.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 23rd day of January 2025.

Dean Morris, LLC

Substitute Trustee

855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400

Ridgeland, MS 39157

(318) 330-9020

jeh/F24-0574

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National Oceans Applications Research Center (NOARC) REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

ABSTRACT

Electronic Statements of Qualifications will be received by NOARC at qhouchin@noarc.org

until 5:00 PM CST, Monday, February 17, 2025.

SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

The National Oceans Applications Research Center (NOARC) invites interested organizations to submit statements of qualifications to collaborate on developing, integrating, and testing a Situational Awareness and Training System (SATS) to support both aerial and maritime unmanned systems applications research.

The system concept addresses mission operations planning, first-person operations of unmanned systems, testing and evaluating new systems, and hands-on student instruction.

The envisioned capability supports testing new precision environmental monitoring and analysis technologies enabled by unmanned systems. These are currently being tested under the auspices of the NOARC Commercial Proving Ground for Space to Seafloor Environmental Monitoring project.

Interested parties should submit their qualifications and should provide the name of the primary point of contact (POC) for this effort. In addition, if different from the POC, provide the contact information for the person responsible for daily activities to implement the scope of work if selected.

Additional information regarding the scope of work for this RFQ may also be viewed utilizing the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MP-TAP) website at https://msapexaccelerator.org.

Any contract awarded under this solicitation may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the Department of the Treasury and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).

Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of said funding award, the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RESTORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(t), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. The Mississippi Department of Environmental

Quality, the United States, or any of its departments, agencies or employees is not and will not be a party to this solicitation or any resulting contract. Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to submit a statement of qualifications and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities. When subcontracting, all potential contractors must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises. See 2 C. F. R. §200.321.

Any contract awarded must comply with the Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise contracting requirements outlined in Attachment B to this solicitation. MBE and/or WBE individuals/firms are encouraged to respond to this solicitation. Proposals are being requested in accordance with Item (b)(2) of 2 C. F. R. §200.320 Methods of procurement.

If you have any questions concerning the RFQ, please call: Quinn Houchin; 601.569.6029

Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale

Whereas, on 3/15/2019, Stanley J. Hamilton, Unmarried, executed a certain deed of trust to Don McLemore, Trustee, for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC., its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2019, Page 5960; and Whereas, said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned Freedom Mortgage Corporation and recorded 10/21/2024 in Book 2024, Page 24106; and Whereas, Freedom Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted Nestor Solutions, LLC, as Trustee by Instrument recorded on 12/17/2024 in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2024, Page 28887 and Whereas, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. Now, Therefore, Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on 2/26/2025 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at Front Door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: All that parcel of land, in the County of Hancock and State of Mississippi as more fully described in Deed Book AA86, page 260 and Parcel # 162A-0-03-003.001, being known and designated as: Lots North Half of 40, All of 41 and 42, and South Half of 43, Gulf-side Sites Subdivision, as per plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, by James Norton Haas, Jr., C.E., and recorded in Plat Book #2, page 51, on June 4, 1960.

We Will Convey only such title as vested in us as Substituted Trustee. Witness My Signature on this 31st day of December, 2024. /s/ Sylvia Weiss, its Sr. Trustee Sale Officer Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, CA 92648 TS #2024-12057-MS Publication Dates: 1/30/2025 2/6/2025 2/13/2025 2/20/2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DIAMONDHEAD, MS

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on a proposed Text Amendment to Article 6 Off-street Parking and Loading. The proposed text amendment is to remove residential yards, and make the following changes to 6.1 General Provisions, This includes median areas and roadways. and remove b) Overflow parking for residential uses shall be located between the garage the nearest side lot line, but in no case shall the overflow be located in front of the house unless located on a circular drive. from Article 6.1.4 Location of Parking Lot. The Case File Number is 202500003.

In accordance with Article 9.10.2, the City Council shall have jurisdiction with respect to all Text Amendments and Map Amendments. The Planning Commission shall review and submit a recommendation to the City Council on Text Amendments and Map Amendments.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

The proposed revision is available for review on the Citys website or at City Hall.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator, at prich@diamondhead.ms.gov or 228-242-1613.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF YVONNE D. LADNER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:24-cv-00704-JP

STEVE LADNER, PETITIONER

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 27th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Yvonne D. Ladner, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 6th day of February, 2025.

s/STEVE LADNER

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136 Automobile

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold on Feb. 7th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at the location below:

A&A Autobody & Paint LLC
1707 Firetower Rd
Kiln, MS 39556

2011 KIA SORENTO
VIN# 5XYKT3A1513G106529
2003 HYUNDAI TIBURON
VIN# KMHNG65F03U102363
2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN# 2G1WT57KX91167854
2006 TOYOTA TUNDRA
VIN# 5TBET34146554464

01/23 / 01/30; 02/06/2025

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

WHITE
2007 DODGE CHARGER
VIN# 2B3KA43RX7H763237

01/30, 02/06/2025

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicle will be sold on Feb. 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. 30 days after the first publication:

Unlimited Towing & Collision Center LLC
16108 Rd 509, PO Box 716
Kiln, MS 39556
(228)-586-5465

2021 NISSAN ROGUE
VIN# 5N1AT3AA4MC679923
2006 HYUNDAI SONATA
VIN# 5NPEU46F6X6H049165
2003 BUICK CENTURY
VIN# 2G4W552J731207271
2007 MERCEDES BENZ
VIN# 4JGBB86E37A292201
2018 KIA FORTE
VIN# 3KPFK4A73JE246444

01/30, 02/06/2025

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting March 8th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

MOSS TOWING
12130 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227

2017 BUICK ENCORE
VIN# KL4CJASB3HB083173

2006 DODGE DAKOTA
VIN# 1D7HE42K365510310

1997 TOYOTA 4RUNNER
VIN# JT3GN86R8V0029567

2004 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER
VIN# 1GNET16P546134441

2011 CHRYSLER 200
VIN# 1C3BC8FG1BN567203

2004 LINCOLN TOWN CAR
VIN# 1LNHM81W14Y671270

1992 TOYOTA CELICA
VIN# JT2AT86F9N0074085

02/06, 02/13, 02/20/2025

Mississippi State University announces fall 2024 Deans' List

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Students named to the Deans' List at Mississippi State must have achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C. MSU's fall 2024 Deans' List includes 2,661 students who attained this honor, and the following local students are included:

Cayce Russo, of Bay Saint Louis, MS
Michael Cavataio, of Diamondhead, MS

Amy Reeves, of Diamondhead, MS
Shelly Luxich, of Bay St Louis, MS
Jaelyn Acker, of Bay St Louis, MS
Olivia May, of Diamondhead, MS
Adisson Capo, of Diamondhead, MS
Illyrian Wolfstorm, of Diamondhead, MS

Avery Matheson, of Diamondhead, MS

Brett Malley, of Diamondhead, MS
Some names of students may not appear on this list as a result of student requests for privacy from publication through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

About Mississippi State University
Mississippi State University is a national STEM-focused, doctoral degree-granting, land-grant university offering a wide range of educational experiences for learning and growth to a diverse student body of more than 23,000 students. Among the National Science Foundation's Top 100 research universities, MSU provides access and opportunity to students from all 50 states and 94 countries. MSU is committed to its comprehensive research university mission, addressing complex local and global issues with innovative ideas and solutions.

GRIEF

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fective ways is to share the loss with others who are also going through grief. A grief support group provides a safe, confidential place to share individual memories, thoughts, and feelings with others who understand your pain. As you listen to others in

the group talk about their loss, it also has a healing effect for each member of the group.

Please consider joining this group that is being offered in the Diamondhead community. It is facilitated by experienced counselors who want to help you process your loss and move forward in a healthy and positive way.

The group will meet at St. Thomas Epis-

copal Church at 5303 Diamondhead Circle, across from the Diamondhead Community Center. They begin at 2:00PM on Wednesday, February 26th and will last for approximately an hour. Sessions are free to the participants. You can contact Cornelia (228.363.2211) or St. Thomas Episcopal Church (228.255.9213) for any questions.



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New Orleans hosts its record-tying 11th NFL Championship game, Super Bowl LIX, on February 9, 2025, at Caesars Superdome. A rematch of Super Bowl LVII from two years earlier, the game will be played between the American Football Conference (AFC) champion and two-time defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs and the National Football Conference (NFC) champion Philadelphia Eagles.

The Kansas City Chiefs entered Super Bowl LIX with a Super Bowl victory the previous two seasons, attempting to become the first NFL team to win three Super Bowls in a row. Under head coach Andy Reid, the Chiefs finished the regular season 15–2, tied with the Detroit Lions for the best record in the league. Super Bowl LIX marks the seventh appearance for Kansas City, who won Super Bowls IV, LIV, LVII, and LVIII, while losing Super Bowls I and LV. They have played in the Super Bowl four times in the past five seasons, winning three of them. The Chiefs became the first team to win two consecutive Super Bowls and play in a Super Bowl the following season; the previous eight teams to win two consecutive Super Bowls failed to appear in the game for a third consecutive season.

Despite the Chiefs going 15–2, quarterback Patrick Mahomes had a down year in relation to his standards, missing the 4,000 passing yards mark. However, he had seven game-winning drives, tied for second-most all-time. Tight end Travis Kelce led the team

in receiving yards (823), while running back Kareem Hunt led the team in rushing yards (728). Wide receiver Xavier Worthy had a productive rookie season, with 742 yards and nine touchdowns. The Chiefs acquired WR DeAndre Hopkins in a mid-season trade with the Tennessee Titans; Hopkins had 437 receiving yards and four receiving touchdowns in five starts. The offensive line included Pro Bowlers Joe Thuney, Creed Humphrey, and Trey Smith, with Thuney and Humphrey also being selected to the AP All-Pro team.

The Chiefs' defense was headlined by All-Pro defensive tackle Chris Jones (5.0 sacks) and cornerback Trent McDuffie (two interceptions). Other notable players include George Karlaftis (8.0 sacks), Nick Bolton (106 tackles), and Justin Reid (87 tackles). They were a top-four defense for the second straight year under defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo.

Under head coach Nick Sirianni, the Philadelphia Eagles improved upon their 11–6 record in 2023, going 14–3. This is Philadelphia's fifth Super Bowl appearance, following a win in Super Bowl LII and losses in Super Bowls XV, XXXIX, and LVII.

Under defensive coordinator Vic Fangio, the Eagles had the second-ranked defense in the NFL, headlined by ILB Zack Baun (151 tackles, five forced fumbles, 3.5 sacks). The defensive front consisted of All-Pro DT Jalen Carter (4.5 sacks), DT Milton Williams (5.0 sacks), OLB Josh Sweat (8.0 sacks), and OLB Nolan Smith (6.5 sacks).

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Mayor for ALL of Bay St. Louis

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February 18, 2025

Primary Election Day

April 1, 2025



Approved by Gary Knoblock, Candidate for Mayor of Bay St Louis.



ST. STANISLAUS*Signings*



SSC SUBMITTED PHOTO
SSC Signing from left to right: Braxton Shirley ‘18, Stephanie Shirley, Cole Shirley, Chris Shirley



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SSC Signing from left to right: Kellie Noel, Evan Noel, Dean Noel

SOCCER PLAYOFFS IN FULL SWING FOR AREA SCHOOLS

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The area schools have advanced to the second round of the state soccer playoffs and have their eyes set on further.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers (16-3-1) beat Moss Point 9-0 and Pearl River Central 7-1 before

blanking Mendenhall 9-0 in the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs. Goal scored in the playoff game include a hat trick by Aiden Boudro and single goals by River Saucier, Avery Harris, Keegan Wells, Sawyer Bilbo, and Case Pelton.

Bay High head coach Chris Doxey stated “You have to play who they put in front of you. It is still a playoff team. We are ex-

cited about continuing in the playoffs.”

The Lady Tigers (14-5-4) beat Moss Point 7-0, PRC 5-0, and Quitman 8-0 in the first round of the playoffs.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks beat George County 1-0 and PRC 2-0 to improve to 8-12-1.

The Lady Hawks beat

Pascagoula 3-2 and George County 5-2 to improve to 10-8.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents (9-8-2) beat Sacred Heart 2-0, lost St. Patrick 4-3, and blanked Magee 7-0 in the Class I state playoffs. Scoring goals in the playoffs include Helen Hoff-

man, Grace Genna, Margaret Compretta, Julie Lacy, Ella Genna twice, and Audrey March.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks beat Sacred Heart 2-1, St. Patrick 2-1, Magee 7-0, and Franklin County 7-0.

The Rocks (21-1-1) beat

Magee in the first round of the Class I playoffs with goals scored by Bernardo Salvador with a hat trick and single goals by Ethan Cuevas, Oren Doxey, Colin Lyons, and Charlie Hoffman.

In the game against Franklin County, goals were scored by Colin Lyons, Oren Doxey, Kim Komotho, Bernardo Salvador, Ethan Cuevas, and twice by Ethan Ferrill.

• OFFSHORE WITH ALEX •

BY SONNY SCHINDLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Captain Alex McIngvale began his charter fishing career many years ago, guiding offshore trips out of Venice, Louisiana. Most offshore guides natural progression is towards inshore fishing. Inshore fishing is not “quite” as taxing on the body. Alex apparently did not get the memo about that.

For the last several years, he has single-handedly built Shore Thing Charters offshore operation into a booming success. With the help of loyal regular customers, state of the art electronics, years of offshore experience, and deckhand

extraordinaire Mitchell Thompson, Captain Alex has really done some impressive work. Just this past season they caught some of the biggest red snapper that have been seen on our docks in, well, EVER! They have also been known to wrestle with Cobia, grouper, tuna, amberjack’s and a few other offshore species.

Never seeming to be satisfied, Captain Alex, and deckhand Mitch have also done some amazing work with the fly fishing community. They have been known to break out the big game fly gear catching huge snapper, Jack Crevalles, Cobia, Bonita and several other

large offshore species!

As a luck would have it, Capt Alex is now running a 34 foot Freeman Catamaran that is Federally permitted. On the rare and welcome occasions a winter snapper opens up, it can be ridiculously good fishing. The fishing pressure is next to nothing. The cooler temperatures send the fish in closer to shore, so shorter runs offshore are not uncommon.

All of this sounds like enough, but Alex has bigger plans for the future. Like anything we do, it will be weather sensitive, but there are still a lot of fish to be caught offshore. Now with the big catamaran and numerous

years of experience fishing offshore, there are a lot of things on Alex’s radar. Tuna, wahoo and deep dropping for deep water species are what Alex will be doing in the coming year.

It has been a real treat watching my friend do well with this big boat stuff. One of his famous quotes is, “confidence breeds success”. Needless to say, my buddy Alex has always been very confident in his ability.

Hats off to you Capt Alex McIngvale. I am looking forward to seeing what he does next. Who knows, I may even be taking a ride one day offshore with him?...



PHOTOS BY SONNY SCHINDLER
A stellar day of red snapper fishing for these lucky guys



DIVISION TOURNAMENTS BEGIN ON HARDWOOD

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The area high schools began their respective division tournaments this week in basketball for the seeding in the state play-offs.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers (13-14) beat Columbia 38-36 and Poplarville 33-29 last week. The Tigers played in the division tournament in Greene County on Monday but game re-

sults were not available at press time.

The Lady Tigers (18-10) are #2-seed for the tournament and beat Columbia 31-21 and Poplarville 50-10 last week.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks (12-15) lost to Pascagoula 56-38 and West Harrison 51-33 last week. On Monday, the Hawks beat Long Beach 48-41 in their division tournament that the Hawks are hosting. Hancock head coach

Connor Entriiken stated, "The mission we faced tonight was to survive and advanced which we did. It was not pretty but we get to play again."

Hancock was led by Kaison Koennen with 13 points while Malachi Lightell and Jaxson Knight both scored 9 points.

The Lady Hawks (24-2) beat Pascagoula 52-35 and West Harrison 41-17. Riley Bishop averaged 11 points and 5 rebounds in these two wins.

The Lady Hawks opened play in the division tour-

namment on Tuesday evening.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents (16-6) lost to St. Patrick on Tuesday 38-53. Taylor Henley led the Crescents with 25 points and 17 rebounds.

OLA beat Tylertown High School 61-40 on Friday night. The Crescents were led in scoring by Valentina Mossy with 21 points. Taylor Hen-

ley had 13 points and 12 rebounds while Leah Laporte added 10 points.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks (16-6) are seeded #1 in the Class 3A tournament being held in Tylertown. The Rocks beat Tylertown 43-41 in a tight match last Friday at SSC. Max Baria recorded 22 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 blocks in the win. SSC head coach Dan-

iel Grieves commented, "Tylertown is a physical team and they don't quit and are very hard to game plan. I was proud of our team with their backs against the wall, they found a way to win."

Max Baria led the Rocks with 22 points followed by Alan Gilliam and Jason Forte with 8 points each.

The Rocks also beat St. Patrick 44-31 and Tylertown 38-28.

The Rocks open tournament play tonight.

Diamondhead School of Fine Arts (DSFA) Announces No-Cost Ballet Apprenticeship Program Led by Master Dancer Sarah Shelton

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Diamondhead School of Fine Arts (DSFA) is excited to announce a new opportunity for aspiring dancers to elevate their skills with the DSFA Ballet Apprenticeship Program.

Under the expert guidance of renowned master dancer Sarah Shelton, the program offers free weekly sessions designed to refine pointe and pre-pointe technique, as well as develop classical ballet choreography skills.

This apprenticeship is open to dancers 13 years and older with at least 4 years of dance experience.

Once selected, apprentices will receive one hour of expert instruction each week, focusing on perfecting technical skill and artistic expression in ballet.

Dancers will also represent DSFA at various community events and functions, gaining invaluable performance experience.

"We are focused on strengthening classically trained ballerinas," said Sarah Shelton, program director and master dancer. "This program is about refining technique, not about competing. While competitions may offer exposure, our priority is on the artistry and the discipline that come with classical ballet training. We are dedicated to helping dancers grow as artists and

technically proficient dancers, preparing them for the stage and the professional world."

Program Highlights:

Eligibility: Open to dancers 13 years or older with at least 4 years of dance experience.

Training Focus: Free weekly instruction in pointe and pre-pointe techniques, as well as classical ballet choreography.

Performance Requirements: Apprentices will represent DSFA at various functions and community events.

Application Process: Interested applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and apply at dsfa-global.org/dance after the application is submitted the instructor will schedule a time to audition.

This apprenticeship program provides an extraordinary chance for dancers to advance their training without the financial burden of tuition fees, in line with DSFA's ongoing commitment to supporting the growth of the local dance community.

For more information, call 228-274-5404.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



MAX BARIA
SAINT STANISLAUS



LAKEITHA SAMPSON
BAY HIGH



ADAM OLIVER
SAINT STANISLAUS



MEREDITH MAUFFRAUY
BAY HIGH

BASKETBALL

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Basketball Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus' Max Baria. In a 43-41 win over Tylertown on Friday, Baria recorded 22 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 blocks. In a 44-31 victory over St. Patrick, Baria collected 17 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 blocks. In a 38-28 win over Tylertown on the road, Baria tallied 12 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 blocks.

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is Bay High's Lakeitha Sampson. Last week, she averaged 10 points, 3.3 rebounds, and 3.3 assists in three games.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Soccer Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus' Adam Oliver. Last week, Oliver scored two goals in a 3-2 victory over St. Patrick that gave the Rocks the Division 8-3A title.

The girls' Soccer Player of the Week is Bay High's Meredith Mauffrauy. Last week, Mauffrauy helped lead Bay High to a 7-0 win over Moss Point, a 5-0 win over Pearl River Central, and a 8-0 victory over Quitman in the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs with her standout defensive performance in addition to the one goal she scored.

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SCHEDULE

➤ **THURSDAY 2-6-25**

- **Basketball:** Bay High at Greene County, Division 8-4A tournament, TBD.
- **Basketball:** OLA at Tylertown, Division 8-3A tournament, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus at Tylertown, Division 8-3A tournament, TBD

➤ **FRIDAY 2-7-25**

- **Basketball:** Bay High at Greene County, Division 8-4A tournament, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Hancock hosts Division 8-6A tournament, TBD.
- **Basketball:** OLA at Tylertown, Division 8-3A tournament, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus at Tylertown, Division 8-3A tournament, TBD.

➤ **SATURDAY 2-8-25**

- **Soccer:** Bay High boys and girls, Class 4A state quarter-finals, TBD.
- **Soccer:** OLA in Class I state quarter-finals, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus in Class I state quarter-finals, TBD.

➤ **TUESDAY 2-11-25**

- **Basketball:** Class 4A (Bay High) first round, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Class 6A (Hancock), first round, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Class 3A (OLA), first round, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Class 3A (SSC), first round, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Bay High (Class 4A), 3rd round, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Hancock (Class 6A), 3rd round, TBD.
- **Soccer:** OLA (Class I), 3rd round, TBD.
- **Soccer:** SSC (Class I), 3rd round, TBD.

HYLA Kicks off New Year with Junior High Program

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The future is bright for twenty-two Hancock County eighth graders who have been chosen to participate in the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy. The class is comprised of students from all four middle schools in the county (Bay/Waveland Middle, Hancock Middle, Our Lady Academy, and St. Stanislaus College).
“We are so excited to be able to continue this program for the 13th year! This year, twenty-two students will benefit from the program. The students will recognize their leadership potential by learning the importance of being successful and independent,” said Rhonda Rhodes, President of the Hancock Resource Center.
The students will participate in three workshops in the next few months, a

service project, retreat, and a May graduation ceremony. The first session was held on January 8th at the Bay Saint Louis Community Center. The students participated in several activities which helped them learn more about each other and the different characteristics of being a good leader.
The Hancock Youth Leadership Academy is the only county-wide youth leadership program for Hancock County and is a program of The Hancock Resource Center. Please consider sponsoring a session or making a general donation to support the on-going operation of the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy. Invest in Hancock County’s future by cultivating its next generation of leaders: visit www.hancockhrc.org or call 228-463-8887 to learn how.



Photo courtesy of HYLA
From front left, Zoey Seeman (Hancock Middle), Haleigh Preston (Hancock Middle), Laura Sandoval (Hancock Middle), Macy Zengarling (B/W Middle), Allie LaFontaine (Hancock Middle), and Anslee Glass (Hancock). From middle left, Matthew Guzman Jenkins (Saint Stanislaus), Chloe White (OLA), Austin Comfort (Hancock Middle), Allison Craig (B/W Middle), Jamerico Terry-Hawkins (B/W Middle), Evan Peterson (Saint Stanislaus), Olivia Gartman (OLA), Za’ Leah Brumfield (Hancock) and Lasya Kompella (OLA). From back left, Marcus Bryant (Saint Stanislaus), Lucie Heffernan (B/W Middle), Doka Oguntuae (B/W Middle), Bijou Ellison (OLA), Addy Buehler (B/W Middle), and Evan Moran (Hancock Middle).

Hancock County Chamber Ribbon Cuttings



Photo courtesy of Hancock Chamber
The Hancock Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting for Barracuda Taco Stand on January 31st. Located at 112 N. 2nd St. in Old Town Bay St. Louis, Barracuda is open Tuesday - Sunday from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.



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The Hancock Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting for Secret Coast Security on Jan. 30th. Based in D’Iberville, this business serves the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast with home and business security systems. Contact them for a free estimate at 228.215.1345 or <http://getsecretcoast.com>.

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